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SUBJECT: ANTI-VIET-NAM ACTIVITIES ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF  
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1. SUMMARY: WITH ONE EXCEPTION OBSERVANCES MARKING THE  
SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS AGREEMENT HAVE PASSED FAIRLY  
QUIETLY. MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS CENTERED IN  
WASHINGTON, BUT THEY WERE NOT HEAVILY ATTENDED AND RE-  
CEIVED LIGHT MEDIA COVERAGE. ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENT  
KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT WAS BRIEF OCCUPATION OF GVN CONGEN SAN  
FRANCISCO JANUARY 27 BY VIET-NAM VETERANS AGAINST THE  
WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION. NO INJURIES OR EXTENSIVE  
PROPERTY DAMAGE WERE REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN WASHINGTON THE AD HOC ASSEMBLY TO SAVE THE PEACE  
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PEACE GROUPS, ORGANIZED PUBLIC CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON OCCASION OF SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS AGREEMENT. (GROUP'S NAME ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED REFTEL AS COALITION TO STOP FUNDING THE WAR.) ACTIVITIES BEGAN JANUARY 25 AND ARE REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK. DEMONSTRATIONS ON JANUARY 27 APPEAR TO HAVE CLIMAXED THE PROGRAM, HOWEVER.

3. SCHEDULED EVENTS REPORTED REFTEL WENT OFF QUIETLY AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY (VENUE CHANGED FROM MT. VERNON COLLEGE AT LAST MINUTE) WITH NO MORE THAN 1,000 PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY ONE TIME. GVN EMBASSY REPORTS ONLY A FEW VIETNAMESE PRESENT.

4. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS ATTRACTING MEDIA NOTICE BEGAN EVENING JANUARY 26 WHEN SOME 2,000 PEOPLE (PRESS ESTIMATE) FROM THE ASSEMBLY HELD A CANDLELIGHT MARCH IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE. SENATOR MCGOVERN SPOKE AT A RALLY BEFORE HAND, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED DISMAY AT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INDOCHINA MILITARY AID. BETWEEN 500 AND 1,200 PEOPLE FROM THIS SAME GROUP, INCLUDING IN WORDS OF ABC NEWS "MANY FAMILIAR FACES" FROM EARLIER PROTESTS, HELD A NOON RALLY JANUARY 27 ON EAST STEPS OF CAPITOL. SPEAKERS EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO FURTHER SEA MILITARY AID. THE RALLY WAS ADDRESSED BY NGO CONG DUC AND SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES ABZUG AND DRINAN. DUC WAS NOT MENTIONED IN PRESS REPORTS. REPRESENTATIVE DRINAN WAS REPORTED SAYING HE WOULD SEEK AN INJUNCTION IN FIRST U. S. CIRCUIT COURT IN BOSTON AGAINST FURTHER MILITARY AID TO GKR.

5. ABOUT 200 PEOPLE FROM THE LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HELD CANDLELIGHT MARCH AT WHITE HOUSE LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 26. CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE'S BOARD WAS REPORTED TELLING NEWSMEN THAT U. S. SHOULD EITHER RENEGOTIATE PARIS AGREEMENT OR IMPLEMENT ALL PARTS OF IT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS CALLING FOR U. S. AID TO DRV, SO THAT U. S. COULD GET INFORMATION ON MIA'S. ABOUT 200 FROM THIS GROUP WENT TO CAPITOL JANUARY 27 WHERE THEY HELD AN INDOOR PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE AND WERE ADDRESSED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INCLUDING SENATORS KENNEDY AND DOLE. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES WERE REPORTED COMPLAINING THAT USG HAS IGNORED PLIGHT OF MIA'S. SOME 40 TO 50 LEAGUE MEMBERS MARCHED BRIEFLY IN FRONT OF DEPARTMENT EARLY AFTERNOON JANUARY 27.

6. PRO-GVN COMMITTEE FOR VIETNAMESE RELATIONS IN

AMERICA PLACED QUARTER-PAGE AD IN JANUARY 26 WASHINGTON POST. SIGNED BY HEADS OF 13 VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS' AND STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, IT CONDEMNED COMMUNISTS FOR SABOTAGING PARIS AGREEMENT AND APPEALED TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS FOR SUPPORT. BETWEEN 50 AND 150 PERSONS, MOSTLY LOCAL VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS, STAGED A DEMONSTRATION AT CAPITOL AT NOON JANUARY 27. GROUP

CARRIED SIGNS SUPPORTING U. S. MILITARY AID TO RVN. SENATOR THURMOND SPOKE. THIS GROUP IS PLANNING TO SEND ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS A PETITION SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL AID TO RVN, ACCOMPANIED WITH FAVORABLE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON VIET-NAM SITUATION AND A POSITION PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. SIGNATURES ARE NOW BEING GATHERED.

7. MINISTER HIEN OF GVN INFO OFFICE APPEARED WITH NGO CONG DUC ON 15-MINUTE SEGMENT OF "PANORAMA" PUBLIC EVENTS PROGRAM ON LOCAL TV STATION MID-MORNING JANUARY 27. GVN EMBASSY FEELS PROGRAM WENT REASONABLY WELL, OWING IN PART TO DUC'S POOR COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

8. IN NEW YORK THE "INDOCHINA SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE" ORGANIZED A "FORUM BY INDOCHINESE SPEAKERS." PROGRAM HELD AT WASHINGTON SQUARE CHURCH FEATURED VIETNAMESE, KHMER AND LAO SPEAKERS AND INCLUDED A FILM AND DISCUSSION GROUPS. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE HERE ON SIZE OF MEETING, BUT NEW YORK TIMES FAILED TO REPORT IT AND GVN MISSION NEW YORK DID NOT MENTION IT IN TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

9. PRESS AND TV REPORTING OF THESE ACTIVITIES WAS LIGHT. LENGTHIEST COVERAGE APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST, WHICH CARRIED LONG STORIES ON PUBLIC MARCHES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RALLIERS IN JANUARY 27 AND 28 EDITIONS. GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY PROGRAM WAS NOT REPORTED. ALL GROUPS' ACTIVITIES WHEN REPORTED WERE LUMPED IN SINGLE REPORTS. JANUARY 28 STORY CARRIED PHOTOS OF SENATOR THURMOND AND REPRESENTATIVE DRINAN ADDRESSING CROWDS, WITH LATTER PICTURED IN FRONT OF "TIGER CAGE" MOCK-UP TOPPED WITH BUCKET LABELED "LIME." NEW YORK TIMES GAVE BOTH DAYS' EVENTS ONLY FOUR PARAS IN SINGLE BACK-PAGE REPORT JANUARY 28, FOLLOWING LONGER SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S JANUARY 28 REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY (CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE). WALL STREET JOURNAL CARRIED BRIEF WIRE SERVICE ITEM JANUARY 28. NO OTHER MAJOR U. S. PAPERS REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS. CBS AND ABC NEWS JANUARY 27 BRIEFLY REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT MOST NETWORK COVERAGE OF SECOND ANNIVERSARY DEVOTED

TO ON-THE-SPOT FILM REPORTS OF CONTINUED FIGHTING IN RVN  
AND CAMBODIA.

10. ONLY UNTOWARD EVENT KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT WAS BRIEF  
OCCUPATION OF GVN CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO EARLY AFTERNOON  
JANUARY 27 DURING DEMONSTRATION BY VIET-NAM VETERANS  
AGAINST THE WAR/WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION. POLICE  
ARRIVED TO FIND BETWEEN 100 AND 200 PERSONS OUTSIDE

CONGEN AND ABOUT 20 PERSONS WHO HAD FORCIBLY ENTERED  
OFFICES CREATING RUCKUS INSIDE. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-  
CIALS DESCRIBED OFFICES AS "IN DISARRAY." NO INJURIES  
OR SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE REPORTED, HOWEVER. SOME SCUFFLING  
EVIDENTLY ENSUED WHEN POLICE ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE DEMON-  
STRATORS, AND FIFTEEN WERE ARRESTED FOR TRESPASS AND TWO  
ON BATTERY CHARGES (ONE AGAINST POLICE OFFICER).

11. KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE'S JANUARY 26 REPORT AND AS-  
SOCIATED PRESS RELEASE ON REFUGEES AND CIVILIAN  
CASUALTIES IN RVN AND KHMER REPUBLIC ATTRACTED LITTLE  
MEDIA ATTENTION. WASHINGTON POST JANUARY 26 CARRIED  
BRIEF WIRE SERVICE SUMMARY ON INSIDE PAGES. KISSINGER

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